

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office action dated May 3, 2007 are respectfully requested. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. A separate petition accompanies this request.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

I. Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to recite the test agent is an antibody as in claim 42.

Claims 34-36 and 42-43 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuing application.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

II. Claim Identifiers

Applicants have amended the claim identifiers to properly reference claims 26-33, 37-39, and 41 as canceled as recited in Applicants' response mailed July 29, 2005. It is Applicants' understanding that the claim identifiers in the above claims are correct.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-7, 10, 34-36, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description.

Claims 1-7, 10, 34-36, and 40 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, allegedly because the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most connected to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims.

Applicants' amendments obviate these rejections. Applicants reserve the right to address the rejections in a continuing application.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that the present claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. The undersigned invites the Examiner to call (650) 838-4410 with any questions or comments. The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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